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2. About Friday, 30 November 1951 the SS PLEHANOV, heavily loaded with machinery which was put aboard in Stettin, met heavy gales in the Baltic while sailing to Leningrad. The ship was in great danger and had to throw overboard all of the machinery which was loaded on its decks. The ship summoned tugs for help, but it was able to reach Leningrad under its own power.

3. During the recent trip of the SS PLEHANOV through the Baltic seventeen crew members deserted the ship.

4. The captain of the SS PLEHANOV was Sasa Ionescu, and the third engineer was Coca Dimitrescu. Both are staunch Communists.

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